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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendments prior to the calculation of the filing fees. These amendments are intended to reduce the filing fees to the statutory minimum.

In the Claims:

Without prejudice to further prosecution, please cancel claims 18-23, 25-27, 29-31 and 33-51.

Please amend claims 11, 13-15, 17, 24, 28 and 32 as follows:

11. A method as in [any one of claims 3-10] claim 1 wherein said renal therapeutic agent
- (a) induces chondrogenesis in an ectopic bone assay;
 - (b) prevents, inhibits, delays or alleviates loss of renal function in an animal model of chronic renal failure; or